

## **BUENA VISTA TREE BOARD**

Minutes from Special Meeting  
September 3, 2009

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Dennis Hutton at 6:PM in the Public Works Conference Room at 755 Gregg Drive in Buena Vista, Colorado. In attendance were Roy Gertson, Kristen Krasnow, Dennis Hutton, Bill Shelby, Kathryn Hardgrave, John Schnaderbeck, Gary Ludwig and guest Angie Jensen, Arborist.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of August 6, 2009 were approved as written.

### **VOLUNTEER TIME**

19.5 hours were added to the ledger for August, 2009.

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

Angie Jensen, Arborist with *Fire Ready Forestry and Tree Service* in Salida, CO.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ***Public Works:***

Public Works employees and members of the Tree Board planted 20 trees as part of the Adopt-A-Tree Program. Also, 3 trees were planted in Mt. Olivet Cemetery and 7 trees were newly planted in the Boulder Rock Garden.

Various small trees are in need of removal (dead). The Public Works crews will remove those necessary. Gary will check to see if these trees are under warranty.

#### ***Colorado State Forest Service:***

No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***1. Subdivision Trees:***

The Cottage Glen, a new subdivision, will remove some existing trees for new construction. The developer will provide funding for new trees after construction is completed. Every effort will be made to preserve the Giant Willow currently existing in the property.

#### ***2. Adopt-A-Tree Program***

Gary Ludwig provided 3 flyers for homeowners who were recipients of trees.

#### ***3. Memorial Trees: No Report***

#### ***4. Grants: No Report***

#### ***5. Arbor Day:***

The "TREE CITY USA" signs have been removed. Public Works will find acceptable new locations for them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board interviewed Angie Jenson, Arborist, with Fire Ready. Angie provided her job description. Angie stated that she feels that trees should not be topped, a hazardous condition will be created from too much limbing (limb removal).

Angie would oversee pruning of town trees and repair bad pruning done in the past. Angie will meet with two members of the Board on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 to verify the survey of the southwest quadrant. She will provide a report of her findings to include cost estimates on removals/pruning and whether the work should be done by bucket lift or climbing. The Tree Board intends to retain Angie as a consultant. Roy will generate a consulting contract for Angie's services.

### **Membership:**

A letter of interest for membership has been received from Mr. Kent Rodebaugh. A vote was taken to recommend Mr. Rodebaugh for membership to the Board of Trustees. The letter will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for processing before the Board of Trustees.

### **Tree Pruning:**

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### **Training:**

The "Western Forestry Conference" on environmental solutions and carbon credit banking will take place in Carbondale, CO on September 18<sup>th</sup> and will be attended by Roy Gertson, Dennis Hutton and John Schnaderbeck. Roy will provide transportation. Members attending should meet at the Public Works Department at 5:45AM.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2009 at 6:PM at the Public Works Conference Room, 755 Gregg Drive. .

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

John Schnaderbeck  
Secretary